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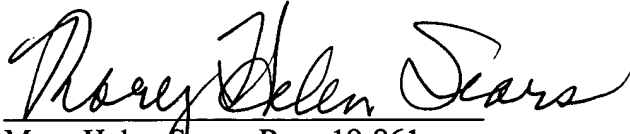
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RESPONSE TO
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
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As required by the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" mailed November 9, 2004, a revised "Claim listing" portion of the Response to Office Action..." filed on October 27, 2004 is submitted herewith, which replaces the expression "Newly Presented" following the number of each of Claims 9-14 with the word "New".

Respectfully submitted,

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